

7 GOLD REASONS WHY MIRACULOUS SIGN GIFTS HAVE CEASED

(PART III)



VALLEY GRACE BROTHERN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Nineteenth Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord 2022*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.



As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we begin to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which became a major issue of contention in the 5th Century AD.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"God is so Good"* (#433, vv. 1 & 3).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Come, Christians Join to Sing "* (#23).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:14-20.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Fishers of Men"* (#468).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Give of your Best to the Master"* (#501).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"SEVEN GOOD REASONS FOR CESSATIONISM"* (Pt. 3)

Closing Hymn:* *"Lord we Praise You"* (#65).

Benediction.*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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Week of June 12-June 18

Sunday School—8; Morning Worship—I8

No Midweek; Church Offering: \$716.⁰⁰

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

Prov. 16:18: "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." We resume our studies in Daniel chapter 4.

Today's Verses for Reflection:

Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."—Matt. 19:27-28 (ESV)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, June 25: Movie Night at 6:30 PM. We will be showing the film "*I Can Only Imagine*." A **GREAT** film—please invite a friend.



July 3rd: Church Picnic, directly after Morning Worship.



August 1-5, 3:30 PM-5:00 PM: We will be hosting our Vacation Bible School Program, "*Camp Turn Around 2022*."

Seven Reasons to Embrace Cessationism

(Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA; 6/5/22)

Cessationism means that the Spirit no longer bestows miracle sign-gifts upon believers as a normative Christian experience as He did in Apostolic times. God *can*, if He so chooses, *personally* perform miracles—but we are referring *here* to the supernatural endowment of miraculous gifts poured out upon a *special class of men*.

1. The unique role & purpose of miracles.

Miracles appear at special times for special purposes. There were only 3 eras in which God worked miracles through *special-endowed men* (the times of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus & the Apostles).

2. The end of the apostolic office & gift.

The Apostolic gift & office has CEASED; no one today is qualified to be an Apostle. This PROVES that the Spirit is not working in precisely the same way that he was in Apostolic Times!

3. NT-era apostles and prophets filled a distinctly foundational function & purpose.

Once the Foundations of the Church were laid & completed, the need for such gifts was *fulfilled*.

4. The very nature of the NT miraculous gifts.

Today's Charismatic Movement *redefines* the nature of these gifts, since it is patently obvious that today's so-called expressions of these gifts are NOT like the actual NT gifts!

5. The clear testimony of later Church History.

The miraculous signs were in decline even by the end of the Apostolic Age. Later “miracles” were usually associated with wildly heretical groups.

6. God speaks through the all-sufficient the Word.

We are not left to stumble in the *subjective* realm; we have the final and *objective* word of truth.

7. The NT regulated the practice of sign-gifts.

There were strict rules governing tongues, prophecy, etc. (Rom. 14). Do we see this *today*?